

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses, and schools; and

WHEREAS, libraries are evolving in order to serve their communities and to continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open up a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programing, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources, early literacy, and the power of reading; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and deliver new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Governor Peter Shumlin, proclaim April 10-16, 2016 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Vermont. I encourage all Vermonters to visit their library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform!



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 14th day of April, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", followed by a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor